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- Question - Sandalwood rules in the
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QUESTION.—No. 727 for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held ~~on the~~ in September 1921.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Development Department.

The Question has been admitted.

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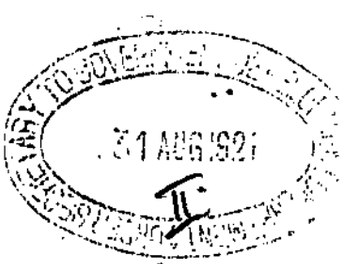
U.O. No. 2333 dated 31.8.21

To

The Development Department.



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Council Office.

Question. 20th August 1921.

Mr. K. Sadasiva Bhat.
The Development Department.

727 To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development to state

(a) the number of sandalwood stills that have been closed in the last ten years in the South Kanara Districts;

(b) if it is a fact that it has been often represented to Government that the industry there suffers from the restrictions under the Sandalwood Transport Rules and the method of working those rules in the district;

c) whether the Government will be pleased to call for and obtain a full report from the Collector of South Kanara as to the condition of the industry and steps that should be taken to help the same.

S.G.

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Qn -2/ DRAFT ANSWER.

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Clause (a) Government have no information.

Clause (b) No representations regarding the sandal-wood industry in S. Kanara have been received by Government since the revised rules were notified in Jany. 192 The revised rules ~~it is believed~~, were framed ~~in accordance with~~ both official and ~~or~~ non-official opinion in the District.

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Clause (c) Government are unaware of any ~~reason~~ circumstances for the proposed enquiry and as at present ~~advised~~ are not prepared to call for a special report from the Collector

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Government of Madras
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Mr. K. Sadasiva Bhat.

Question No. 727.- To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development to state:

(a) the number of sandalwood stills that have been closed in the last ten years in South Kanara;

b) if it is a fact that it has been often represented to the Government that the industry in that district suffers from the restrictions under the Sandalwood Transport Rules and the method of working those rules in the district;

(c) whether the Government will call for and obtain a full report from the Collector of South Kanara as to the condition of the industry and the steps that should be taken to help the same.

A N S W E R:--

Clause (a) The Government have no information.

Clause (b) No representations regarding the sandalwood industry in South Kanara have been received by Government since the revised rules were notified in January 1921. The revised rules were framed after consulting both official and non-official opinion in the district.

Clause (c).- The Government are unaware of any sufficient cause for the proposed enquiry and, as at present advised, are not prepared to call for a special report from the Collector.

Fort St.George,)
9th September 1921.)

J. M. Turing,
Secretary to Government.

To the Legislative Council Office

The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble Sir Lionel Davidson, K.C.S.I

Forwarded to the Legislative Council Office

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UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT. 9.9.21

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Dev. Dept.

To Under Sec'y

Please see the question in the C+ It has been admitted

2 Clause (a) of the Question

The information asked for is not available in the office.

3 clauses (b) and (c) -

Rules to regulate the traffic of Sandalwood in the South Kanara Dt were first promulgated in 1915 — vide G.O. No 297 Rev Dy 3-2-15.

(B) Mr. Sadasiva Bhat (the same member who has now sent in a question) brought to the notice of the Govt. by means of a question that the rules were causing hardship. But the question was returned to him for revision — please see pages 1 and 2 of G.O. 421 Dy 14-2-17 Subsequently he gave notice of a resolution urging that Sandalwood rules should be revised though the resolution was disallowed, opportunity was taken to get a report from the Collector and the Board as to how the rules were working the Coll.r (Mr. Wood) wrote strongly against the rules and advocated their abandonment on the ground that they hampered the

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(F) Pr 3 Pp. 205-6 31-5-18

(I) Pr 8-22 Pp. ibid

local ministry in the Sandalwood oil distillation The Conservator of Forests and the Board on the other hand considered that the Collector had misunderstood the rules and that they offered no real impediment to the legitimate trade in wood or oil and added that the outcry against the rules was probably mainly inspired by the parties who has for many years been carrying on an illicit trade with wood smuggled from Mysore or stolen from Govt lands in the district The correspondence however showed that there was considerable friction between the Forest Dept. and the Coll. in regard to the working of the rules. The Govt. therefore asked the Forest Commissioner to proceed to the district and make a thorough investigation and consult also Mr. Sadasiva Bhat The Forest Commr. (Mr. Bourdillon) started his investigation in Jan[y] 1918 at an informal conference with the Coll[r] and the local officers at which Mr. Sadasiva Bhat also was present. As a result, the DF.O had to admit that the rules had failed in their object and were ineffective in meeting the local conditions of South Kanara.

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The Board therefore proposed to change the System in certain important particulars and to revise the rules. The revised rules were subd by the Chief Conservator of Forests in January 1920. In view of the fact that the Question had been more than once brought up in the Legislative Council the Govt. asked that the opinions of a few non-officials should be obtained on the revised rules before they are approved. The Collr replied that the non-officials who were consulted were generally in favour of the revised rules He did not however forward their opinions officially as there were no adverse remarks the revised rules were then approved by Govt in Fin No 3 Rev(Stk)/D 13-1-21.

It will thus be seen that the Govt have tried their best to accept the non-official opinion on the matter. The view of the Forest Dept is that the rules are necessary in the interests of Govt Sandalwood but that they offer no real impediment to honest private enterprise Traders

The rules, as amended, minus the fees mentioned at (C). These were removed only in January last. They had

Para 1 Fin 3/31-1 (E)

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not sufficient extent to be worked and no
persons granted. Apparently the humble mandu
might have been used under the impression that
the old rules were still in operation.

The file may go to C.C. for remarks

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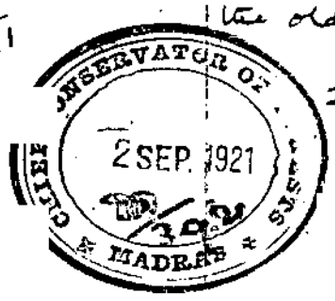

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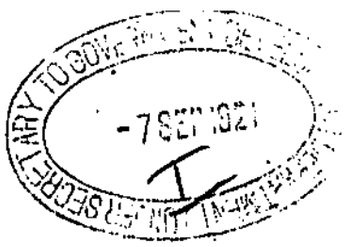

I suggest the following

a. Govt. have no information.

6. No representations regarding the sandal wood
recently in S. Kanara have been received by
Government since the rules were notified in Jan 1921
The ~~proposed~~ revised rules (are dated to the
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special and ordinary special powers in the District

c Govt. are aware of any reasons for the
proposed enquiry & as at present advised
are not prepared to call for a special report
from the Collector.

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Sandalwood stills in South Kanara.

710 Q.—Mr. K. SADASIVA BHAT: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member to state—

(*a*) the number of sandalwood stills that have been closed in the last ten years in South Kanara;

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(*c*) whether the Government will call for and obtain a full report from the Collector of South Kanara as to the condition of the industry and the steps that should be taken to help the same.

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(*b*) No representations regarding the sandalwood industry in South Kanara have been received by Government since the revised rules were notified in January 1921. The revised rules were framed after consulting both official and non-official opinion in the district

(*c*) The Government are unaware of any sufficient cause for the proposed inquiry and, as at present advised, are not prepared to call for a special report from the Collector.

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